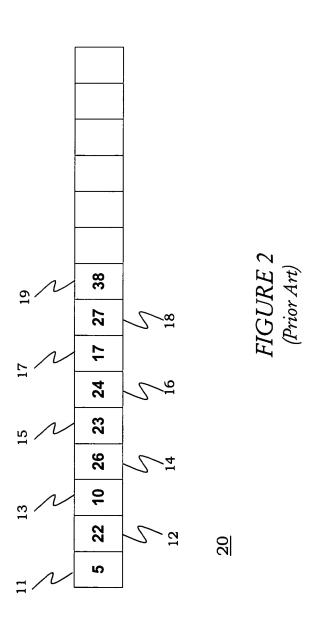
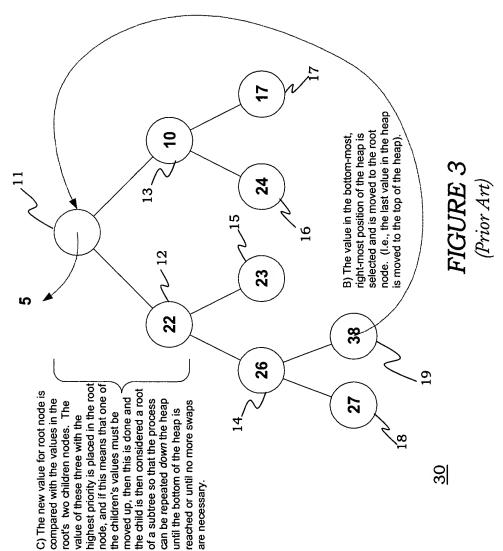
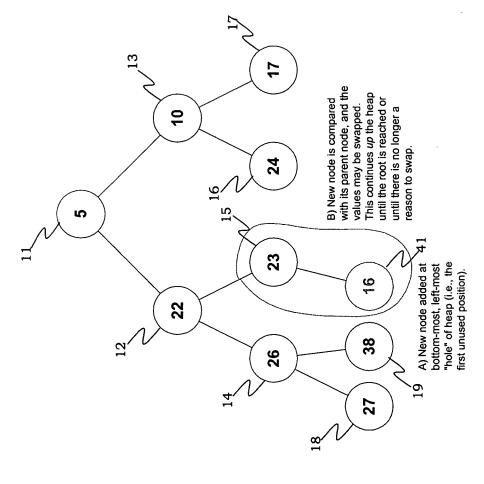


 $FIGURE\ 1$  (Prior  $A\pi$ )



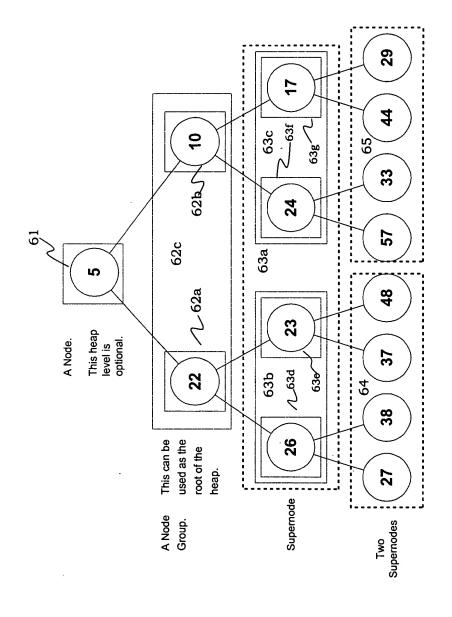
A) The value in the root node is removed, leaving a "hole".





## FIGURE 4 (Prior Art)

### FIGURE 5



#### FIGURE 6

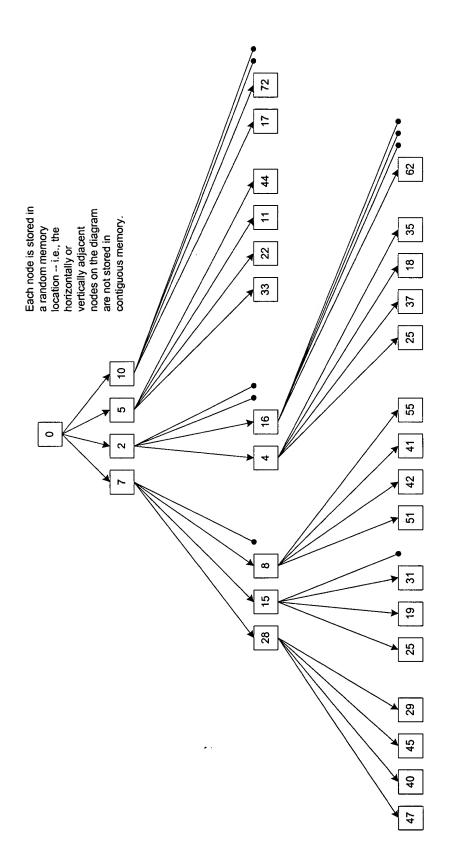


FIGURE 7

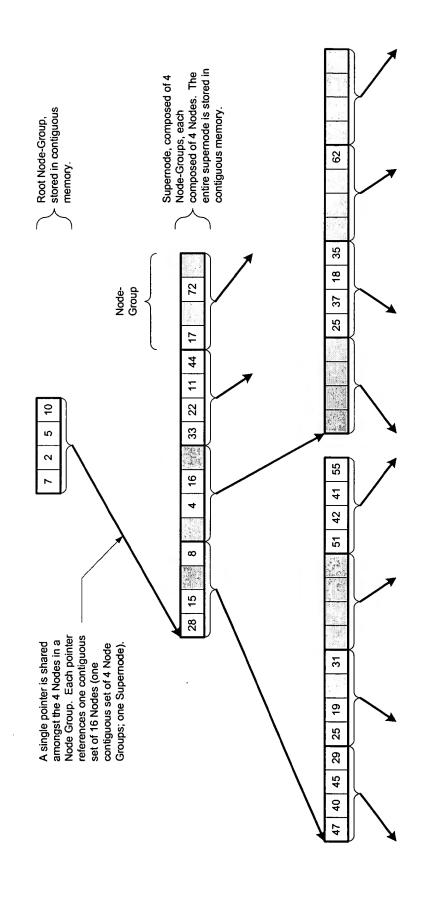


FIGURE 8

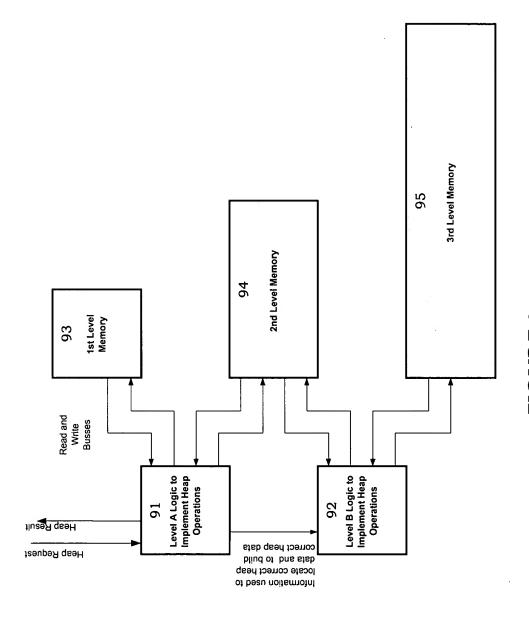
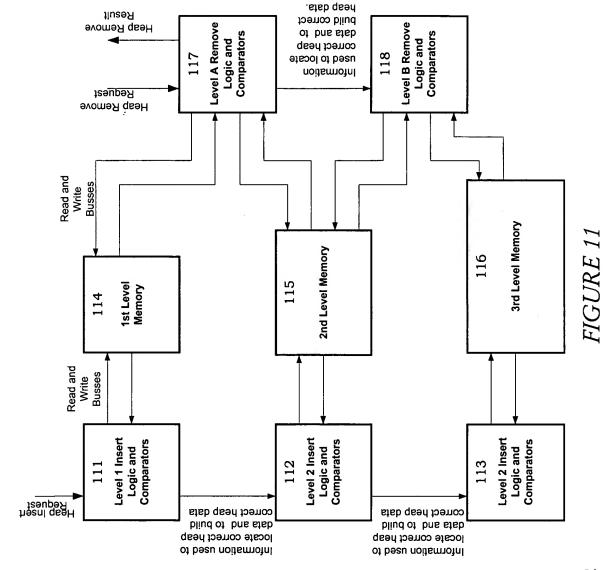
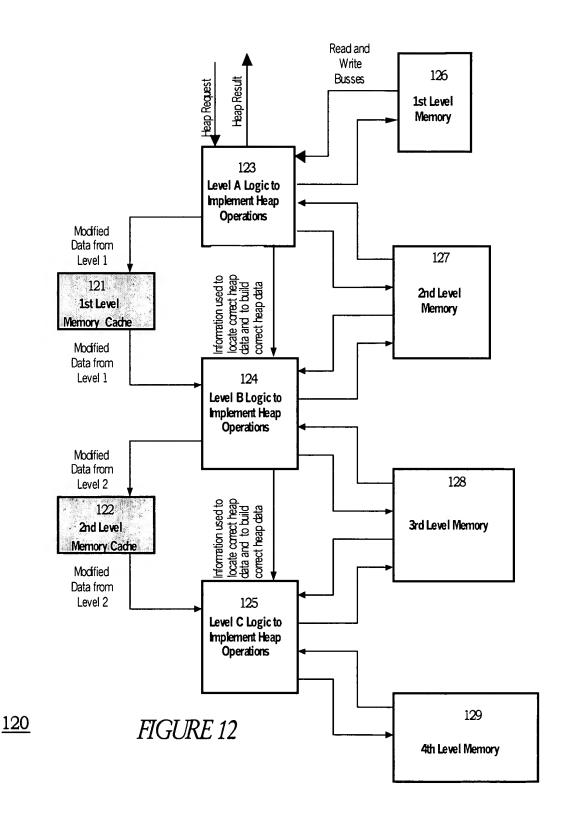


FIGURE 9

	time>																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Read Level 1 RAM	Α						В											
Write Level 1 RAM						Α						В						
Level A Comparisons				Α	Α					В	В							
Read Level 2 RAM			Α						В									
Write Level 2 RAM								Α						В				
Level B Comparisons						Α	Α					В	В					
Read Level 3 RAM					Α						В							
Write Level 3 RAM										Α						В		
Level C Comparisons								Α	Α					В	В			
Read Level 4 RAM							Α						В					
Write Level 4 RAM										Α						В		

FIG. 10





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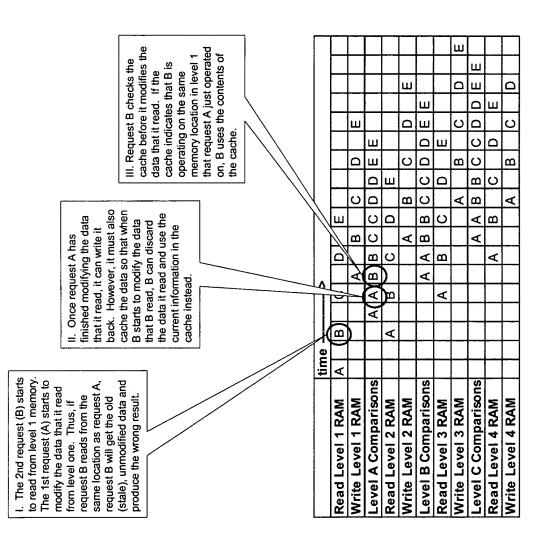


FIGURE 13

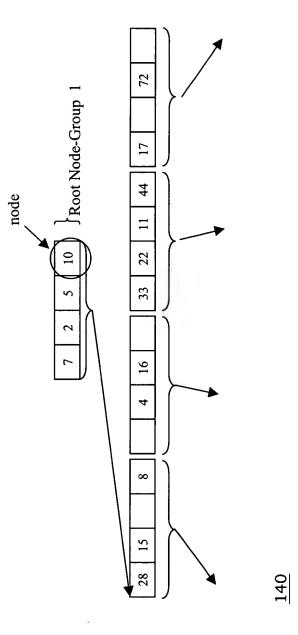
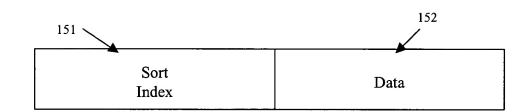


FIG. 14





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FIG. 15

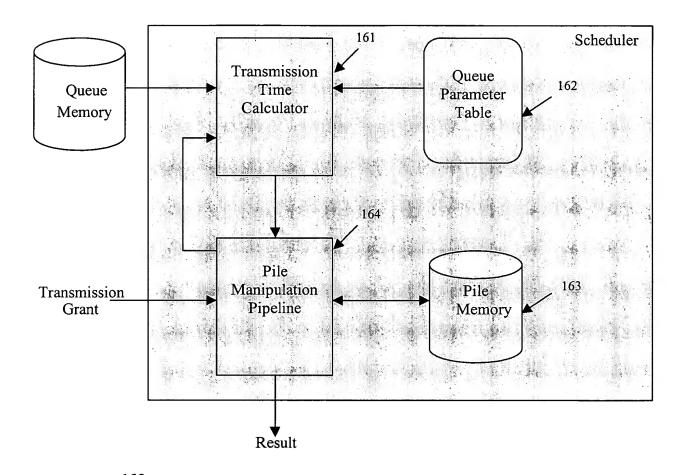
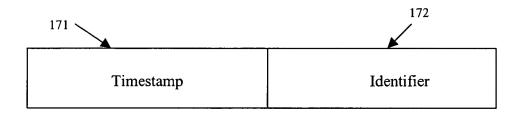
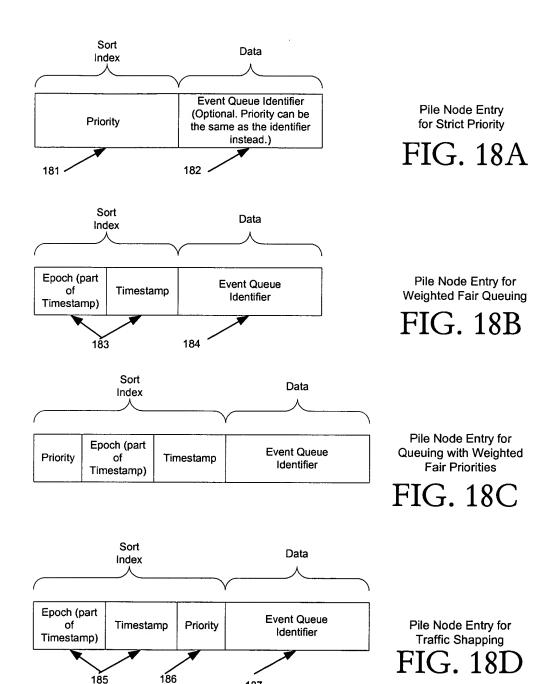


FIG. 16



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FIG. 17



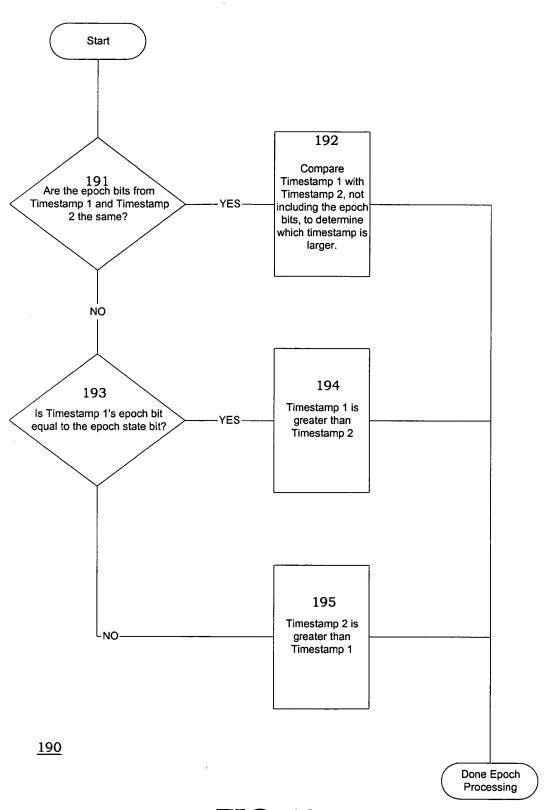
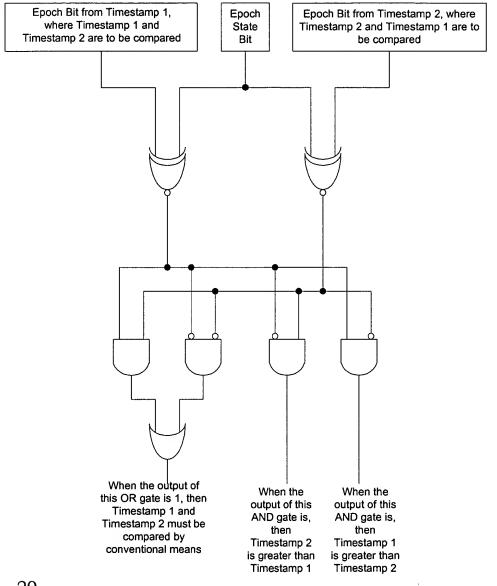
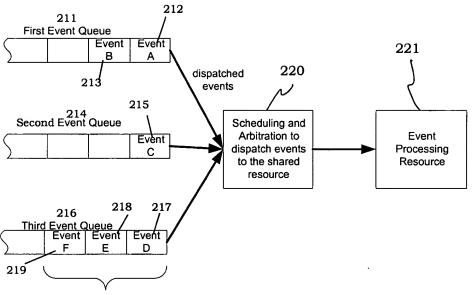


FIG. 19



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FIG. 20



Events D, E, and F must be dispatched in order. However, Events D, C, and A are dispatched in an order determined by the Scheduling and Arbitration block.

#### FIGURE. 21